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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	20	Minus	20 =	0 ×	\$50(25)	= \$0
Independent claims	2	Minus	3 =	0 ×	\$200(100)	= \$0
				Total additional fee for this amendment		= \$0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$380 (\$180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A USPTO Form 2038 - Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims and ☐ -month petition for extension of time.
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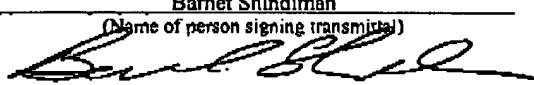
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 16, 2006, having three-month statutory period for response set to expire on September 18, 2006 (September 16, 2006 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.